

VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES RECEIVED DURING OCTOBER 2007

Goshen Coach is recalling 1,333 MY 2005-2008 GC II, Pacer II, Sentinel, Pacer LS, and MY 2005-2007 Euroshuttle transit buses for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." These buses were built without the required reflex reflectors on the rear and rear-side and, on certain models, the side intermediate reflectors are also missing. Missing reflectors could lead to reduced visibility of the bus increasing the risk of a crash. Goshen will mail the required reflectors along with installation instructions to the owner. If the customer is uncomfortable in performing this procedure, they may take the bus to any Goshen Coach dealer and have the reflectors installed. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-462

Utilimaster is recalling 454 MY 2007 Aeromaster walk-in delivery vans. The headlight modules were incorrectly wired. This can cause the headlamp to operate with reduced effectiveness. Poor lighting from the headlights could cause reduced road visibility, increasing the risk of a crash. Owners will be provided with detailed instructions for the verification and repair of the wiring defect. Owners will be reimbursed for the labor cost of the repairs. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-463

Fleetwood Folding Trailer is recalling 1,908 MY 2007 Sequoia, Avalon, Cheyene, and MY 2007-2008 Arcadia, Niagara, Saratoga, Williamsburg, Bayside, Utah, Santa Fe, and Sun Valley recreational trailers. The power lift roof system, which consists of a power lift motor and current limiter controller, generates excessive amounts of impact torque if the power lift is operated with the 30A power cord plugged into a 110V AC power source (with or without a battery). This could cause failure in one of the shear pins resulting in damage to the trailer's lift system. This could allow the roof to free-fall from the raised position, possibly resulting in personal injury, vehicle and/or property damage. Owners will be provided with two warning stickers which explains the proper function of the power lift accessory using a battery only. One sticker will be placed at the rear of the trailer next to the current limiter. The second sticker will be placed next to the 30A power cord outlet. In addition, Fleetwood Folding Trailer will send a copy of the operation manual that emphasizes the battery-only operation of this trailer accessory. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-464

Mercedes-Benz is recalling 5,823 MY 2008 C-Class vehicles for failing to comply with some of the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." The rear outboard seat belts do not comply with the lap-belt lockability requirement which enables the lap belt portion of the belt to be locked by the user to facilitate the use of older non-latch design child restraint devices. Under certain circumstances, this situation may cause the locking mechanism not to perform as required by the standard for use with older non-latch child restraints. Dealers will replace all potentially affected seat belts. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-465

BMW is recalling 510 MY 2005-2007 K1200 R Sport motorcycles. During long periods of riding at sustained high engine RPM, vibration within the brake fluid reservoir can cause the brake fluid to foam. This could allow air to enter the front brake system which could lead to a loss of front braking efficiency. Air in the brake system can lead to a loss of braking capability, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will bleed the front brakes and install a damper weight in the brake fluid reservoir. This weight will dampen possible vibrations that can cause foaming of the brake fluid. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-466

Paccar is recalling 2 MY 2006 Kenworth T800 emergency vehicles equipped with Cummins ISL CM850 diesel engines. The connecting rods which transfer energy from the piston to the crankshaft are defective and can result in seizure of the piston pin. A piston pin seizure can result in a mission-disabling engine failure. This condition could ultimately result in a loss of vehicle power (engine stall) increasing the risk of a crash. Paccar is working with Cummins to replace the connecting rods (please see 06E037). 07V-467

GM is recalling 9,648 MY 2007 Cadillac CTS model vehicles for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 118, 'Power Operated Window, Partition, and Roof Panel Systems.' Under the standard, the sunroof may only be closed when the ignition is on, or after the ignition is turned off, but before either of the front doors are opened. The affected vehicles may exhibit a condition where the sunroof can be closed after the ignition is turned off and the doors are opened. This standard specifies requirements for power operated window, partition, and roof panel systems to minimize the likelihood of death or injury from their accidental operation. Dealers will install a wire harness. The manufacturer has not yet provided a recall notification schedule for this campaign. 07V-468

GM is recalling 990 MY 2003-2007 Chevrolet Kodiak, GMC Topkick, and MY 2005-2006 Isuzu HXR medium duty trucks equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. The steering gear may have been produced incorrectly. A steering gear with this condition may produce the feeling of hitting a curb and a cracking or pinging sound when the steering wheel is turned. The steering wheel position may be off-center and increased effort may be required when turning, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect for certain date codes and verify the mileage on steering gears and replace the gears as necessary. The recall began on October 25, 2007. 07V-469

Pierce is recalling 2,604 MY 2001-2006 fire trucks equipped with independent front suspension. A pitman arm might fracture under severe load caused by three loading conditions. In all cases, the front axle must be turned full left or right while (1) simultaneously backing up and braking hard, (2) driving one wheel over or against a curb or (3) steering the front axle full left or right when the vehicle is stationary with the service brake applied. These are all low or no -speed events. Such a break could lead to the suspension losing one of its anchor points, thereby potentially causing loss of vehicle control without prior warning which could result in a crash. Dealers will replace the original pitman arms with pitman arms made of higher strength material. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-470

Chrysler is recalling 564 MY 2007 Dodge Ram 3500 cab/chassis pickup trucks equipped with an optional 23 gallon fuel tank. The fuel tank straps were improperly manufactured and could separate. This can cause the fuel tank to loosen and leak fuel. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in an underbody fire. Dealers will replace the fuel tank retention straps and fasteners. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-472

Chrysler is recalling 102,042 MY 2007-2008 Dodge Avenger and Chrysler Sebring vehicles equipped with 2.4 liter engines. The engine coolant may be drawn into the left radiator cooling fan motor connector. This can cause an electrical short circuit and result in an engine compartment fire. Dealers will inspect the connector for contamination or damage, install a wiring harness overlay, and replace the fan motor. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-473

Ducati is recalling 385 MY 2008 Hypermotard motorcycles. The battery can move side to side inside the fuel tank mounting compartment. This movement could result in main wiring harness damage at the battery terminal, causing an electrical short consequently stopping the engine. Dealers will install a battery mounting bracket and two double lock velcro strips on the bottom of the battery. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-474

Progressive Trailers is recalling 10 MY 1999-2000 and 2003 box trailers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. The refrigerator may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Progressive Trailers will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-475

Foretavel is recalling 13 MY 2007-2008 Phenix recreational vehicles equipped with driver seats built by Villa International. These seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." The lower slide rails of the driver seat air suspension can fail. In the event of a vehicle crash, separation of the seat from the seat pedestal may lead to personal injury of the seat occupant. Dealers will install two reinforcement tethers between the front of the seat pedestal and the top of the air suspension (please see 07E079). The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-476

Ducati is recalling 8 MY 2007 Monster S4RS motorcycles. The water impeller does not turn due to the installation of an incorrect layshaft. Improper operation of the water pump could occur causing overheating of the engine components and possibly engine seizure. If the engine stopped while the motorcycle was being driven, it could increase the risk of a crash. Dealers will check the water pump for proper operation and will replace it if necessary. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-477

Mack Trucks is recalling 61 MY 2008 CHU, CXU, GU, LEU, and MRU trucks. The daytime running lights (DRL) module may contain a suspect metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistor (MOSFET) that could overheat. If the transistor overheats, it could possibly result in a vehicle fire. Dealers will replace the suspect DRL module. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-478

BMW is recalling 29,250 MY 2006-2007 550I, 650I coupe and convertible and MY 2007 X5 4.8I passenger vehicles equipped with V8 engines. In conditions of below freezing temperatures combined with low humidity, it is possible for electrostatic discharge to occur at the fuel rails. If this were to occur, the engine electronic control unit (ECU) could be affected resulting in engine stalling. If stalling were to occur, the driver may not be able to maintain vehicle speed or accelerate and the power steering could fail increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will attach two ground cables in the engine compartment. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-479

Keystone is recalling 983 MY 2007 Passport and MY 2008 Freedom Lite travel trailers. The liquid propane (LP) supply hose for the outside range is connected too close to the range. In certain wind conditions, the heat from the range burner may cause the hose to melt. This causes an increased risk of fire, personal injury and property damage. Dealers will replace the copper LP tubing connected to the outside range with one of the correct length. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-480

Monaco is recalling 53 MY 2006-2008 Signature Class A motor homes equipped with driver seats built by Villa International. These seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." The lower slide rails of the air suspension can fail. In the event of a crash, separation of the seat from the seat pedestal may lead to personal injury of the seat occupant. Monaco is working with Villa to install two reinforcement tethers between the front of the seat pedestal and the top of the air suspension (please see 07E079). The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-481

GM Daewoo Auto & Technology Company (GMDAT) is recalling 144 MY 2006-2007 Chevrolet Optra vehicles located in Guam and Saipan. The headlamp low beam or daytime running light (DRL) function may be inoperative due to a melted splice pack (S201) on the IP harness. Inadequate lighting could reduce visibility of the vehicle and increase the potential for a crash. Dealers will change the headlamp low beam splicing type and separate it from splice pack S201 to protect housing melting due to potential poor contact. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 07V-482

Coachmen is recalling 193 MY 2006 Aurora motor homes. The spare tire carrier assembly mounted under the rear of the unit is the incorrect model to properly support the spare tire. As a result, the potential exists for the spare tire to become detached from the carrier assembly and fall to the road surface. Should the spare tire detach itself from the carrier while the vehicle is in motion, a crash may result. Dealers will install the correct spare tire system and also a secondary mechanical back-up latch. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-483

Viking RV is recalling 27 MY 2008 Sport folding camping trailers (FCT) equipped with a power winch unit, Model P55000, built by Carefree of Colorado. Additional aftermarket or dealer installed power winch units are also included in this campaign. An incorrect material was used in the manufacture of the cable shafts on some power winch units. Under certain circumstances while the folding camping trailer top is being lifted, if the winch is placed into a stall condition, the cable shaft may break prior to the fuse or circuit breaker tripping. Should the cable shaft break, the FCT top could then free-fall into the lower position, possibly resulting in injuries. Viking dealers will install new cable shafts. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-484

Starcraft is recalling 1,014 MY 2007-2008 folding camping trailers (FCT) equipped with a power winch unit, Model P55000, built by Carefree of Colorado. An incorrect material was used in the manufacture of the cable shafts on some of these power winch units. Under certain circumstances while the folding camping trailer top is being lifted, if the winch is placed into a stall condition, the cable shaft may break prior to the fuse or circuit breaker tripping. Should the cable shaft break, the FCT top could then free-fall into the lower position, possibly resulting in injuries. Dealers will install new cable shafts. The recall began on October 19, 2007. 07V-485

Kawasaki is recalling 33,365 MY 2002-2008 KL650A and KL650E motorcycles. Insufficient tightening of the muffler mounting bolts could allow the bolts to loosen. If the bolts loosen completely, it is possible for the muffler to separate from the motorcycle and create the potential for a crash. Dealers will tighten the two muffler mounting bolts to the proper torque. The recall began on October 23, 2007. 07V-486

Forest River is recalling 263 MY 2008 Wildwood and Salem travel trailers for failing to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification." The label located on the lower roadside front of the unit contains an improper listing of the tire and rim. There may be confusion as to the proper replacement tire if it is necessary. Dealers will mail the corrected Federal compliance label and tire load information to the dealers or retail customers. They can be placed over the incorrect label after cleaning the surface with alcohol. Customers will have the option for dealers to install the label. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-487

National RV is recalling an undetermined quantity of MY 1993-2004 Class A motor homes built on Ford chassis. The speed control deactivation switch may, under certain conditions, leak internally and then overheat, smoke, or burn. This could result in an underhood fire. Ford is conducting this recall and will install a fused wiring harness into the speed control system free of charge (please see 07V336). 07V-488

Scott Health & Safety is recalling 188 MY 2002-2007 Liberty I and Liberty II air compressor trailers. The spare tire mount may fail at one or more of the welds on the upright bar resulting in the spare tire coming loose and falling from the trailer. Scott will replace the old style spare tire mount with one of a new design. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-489

Newmar is recalling 13 MY 2006-2007 London Aire and MY 2008 King Aire diesel bus motor homes equipped with driver seats built by Villa International. These seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." The lower slide rails of the air suspension can fail. In the event of a crash, separation of the seat from the seat pedestal may lead to personal injury of the seat occupant. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-490

Winnebago is recalling 645 MY 2007-2008 Itasca Suncruiser and 2006-2008 Ellipse motor homes for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The rear and rear-side red reflectors are located above the 60-inch height limit. Non-standard side marker and reflector lights could reduce visibility of vehicles and increase the potential for a crash. Dealers will add reflex reflectors in compliant locations. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-491

R-Vision is recalling 10 MY 2007-2008 Trail-Lite B-Plus, MY 2007 Trail-Lite Class C and MY 2008 Town & Country Touring Sedan motor homes built on GM chassis. These motor homes fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The anti-lock brake system (ABS) module is programmed incorrectly. When the brakes are applied, the stop lamps will illuminate. When the brake pedal is released and the stop lamps are no longer illuminated, the rear brakes may still be applied. The brake may release after a few seconds or after the next firm brake pedal application. If the rear brakes are still applied after release of the brake pedal, the driver may notice a substantial drag when driving and may need to depress the gas pedal further than usual to continue vehicle movement. A vehicle driven with the brakes applied can cause overheating of the brakes, resulting in increased stopping distance which could result in a crash. R-Vision is working with GM who will reprogram the ABS module free of charge (please see 07V342). 07V-492

US Bus is recalling 137 MY 2007 Sturdivus school or activity buses, single and dual rear wheel models built on the GMT 610 Chevrolet Express chassis. These buses fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." When the brakes are applied, the stop lamps will illuminate. When the brake pedal is released, the stop lamps are no longer illuminated, the rear brakes may still be applied. The brakes may release after a few seconds or after the next firm brake pedal application. If the rear brakes are still applied after release of the brake pedal, the driver may notice a substantial drag when driving and may need to depress the gas pedal further than usual to continue vehicle movement. A vehicle driven with the brakes applied can cause overheating of the brakes, resulting in increased stopping distance which could result in a crash. General Motors is working with US Bus to notify its owners and dealers will reprogram the ABS module. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-493

KES is recalling 62 MY 1999-2003 truck camper or horse trailers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. These refrigerators may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. KES will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-494

Action Auto Body recalled one MY 2005 Custom motorcycle. The factory-installed welded gusset plate connecting the frame backbone, neck, and down tube is missing. As a result, additional stress would be placed on the welds causing rapid wear and possible joint separation. Frame separation of the neck, down tube, and backbone joints could cause the driver to lose steering control of the bike, possibly resulting in a crash. The owner has been contacted and his motorcycle has been repaired. 07V-495

Volvo Trucks is recalling 6,519 MY 2007-2008 VHD, VNL, VNM, and VT trucks with a SAF Holland Simplex fifth wheel. The lever arm pivot bolt may have been over-tightened. An over-tightened pivot bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the trailer king pin. There is a possibility that the pivot bolt can become loose without the driver's knowledge. When this occurs, the driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the pivot bolt and sleeve with a hex head shoulder bolt and washer. The recall is expected to begin on or about November 19, 2007. 07V-496

Mack is recalling 950 MY 2006-2008 CHN, CL, CT, CTP, CV, CXN, CXP, and CXU trucks equipped with a SAF Holland Simplex fifth wheel. The lever arm pivot bolt may have been over-tightened. An over-tightened pivot bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the trailer king pin. There is a possibility that the pivot bolt can become loose without the driver's knowledge. When this occurs, the driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the pivot bolt and sleeve with a hex head shoulder bolt and washer. The recall is expected to begin on or about November 19, 2007. 07V-497

International is recalling 130 MY 2007-2008 7600 trucks equipped with split shaft style power take offs (PTO). The bolts that attach the driveshaft flanges to the PTO may loosen and allow the driveshaft to separate from the vehicle. Driveshaft separation may happen without warning and could possibly get into the path of other vehicles on the highway, causing property damage, personal injury or death. Dealers will replace and properly tighten the split shaft PTO flange mounting bolts. The recall is expected to begin on or about December 21, 2007. 07V-498

International is recalling 27 MY 2007-2008 MXT trucks. The positive battery cables that supply power from the batteries to the starter may be routed near the engine's exhaust manifold. The excess heat generated by the manifold can cause the cable's insulation to melt, exposing bare wire. This condition may cause an electrical short or a fire, which can result in property damage, personal injury or death. Dealers will inspect the battery cables and replace them if necessary and reroute them away from the engine exhaust manifold. The recall is expected to begin on or about December 21, 2007. 07V-499

Volvo is recalling 5,002 MY 2008 XC70 passenger vehicles. Two deviations have been found in the supplemental restraint system (SRS) control unit software. These deviations may result in a late deployment of the inflatable curtain (IC) and side impact protection system (SIPS) air bags in certain side impact crash situations. In addition, this software error may also cause the 'SRS Airbag - Service Urgent' message and SRS warning light to illuminate. Late deployment of the IC and SIPS air bags in certain side impact crash situations could increase the risk of injury to the vehicle occupant. Dealers will perform a software upgrade of the SRS control unit. The recall is expected to begin during November 2007. 07V-500

Blue Bird is recalling 17 MY 2008 Micro Bird school buses for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 217, 'Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release.' The subject buses were manufactured without a rear emergency door audible alarm/buzzer. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a description of the consequence as it relates to motor vehicle safety. Blue Bird will notify owners and repair the buses. The recall is expected to begin on or about December 10, 2007. 07V-501

Saleen is recalling 500 MY 2007 Parnelli Jones Saleen Mustangs equipped with Watt's link rear suspensions. The Watt's link has been found to stress the chassis and linkage under extreme use to the point where it can fail. A failure can result in the vehicle becoming unstable, increasing the risk of a crash. Saleen will supply new up-graded parts, including complete installation instructions and technical support. Saleen will cover all labor costs. The up-grade will be completed by authorized Ford dealers. The recall is expected to begin during early November 2007. 07V-502

Fleetwood is recalling 133 MY 2007-2008 Bounder and Pace Arrow motor homes. The slide-out room may activate while traveling, due to water shorting out the electronic control relay for the slide-out room control mechanism. This can cause the overall vehicle width to increase. The wide vehicle width could lead to collisions while traveling or slide-out room impact to adjacent objects while the motor home is parked. Fleetwood has not yet provided a remedy or owner notification schedule for this campaign. 07V-503

Fleetwood is recalling 30 MY 2007-2008 Bounder and Pace Arrow motor homes. The slide-out room may activate while traveling, due to water shorting out the electronic control relay for the slide-out room control mechanism. This can cause the overall vehicle width to increase. The wide vehicle width could lead to collisions while traveling or slide-out room impact to adjacent objects while the motor home is parked. Fleetwood has not yet provided a remedy or owner notification schedule for this campaign. 07V-504

Goshen Coach is recalling 4 MY 2005-2007 GC II 5500 shuttle buses equipped with suspensions built by Link. The axle side lateral control rod bracket of the suspension has cracked in some cases. The crack could result in a failure of the bracket resulting in loss of vehicle control increasing the risk of a crash. Goshen is working with Link to repair the suspensions if found to be defective (please see 07E086). The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 07V-505

NRC Modifications is recalling 2 MY 2003 Freightliner Columbia motor homes equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. These refrigerators may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. NRC Modifications will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-506

J&L Cargo Express is recalling 30 MY 1997-2003 cargo trailers with living quarters equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. These refrigerators may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Cargo Express will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-507

Hino is recalling 100 MY 2008 NA6J, NB6J, NC6J, ND8J, NE8J, NJ8J, and NV8J trucks. The side view mirrors may have been installed incorrectly possibly leading to the mirror glass detaching from the mirror housing. If the mirror glass is lost, the driver may not be able to see traffic approaching from the rear increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect the side view mirrors and, if necessary, replace the mirror materials. The recall began during August 2007. 07V-508